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SUBJECT: SECVISIT: 33RD UNGA:HIGH LEVEL ATTENDANCE AT UNGA

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1. GOG WILL PROBABLY FOLLOW PAST PRACTICE AND SEND FONMIN MARTIN BONGO TO UNGA. WE THINK IT UNLIKELY PRESIDENT BONGO WILL ATTEND.

2. SAO TOMZ WILL PROBABLY LIKEWISE SEND FONMIN LEONEL D'ALVA. WE DOUBT THAT PRESIDENT DA COYTA WILL ATTEND.

3. AT THIS POPNT, WE HAVE NO REASON SUPPOSE THAT EITHER FONMIN WILL REQUEST BILATERAL. NOR DO WE SUGGEST THAT DEPT CONSIDER SCHEDULING ONE FOR EITHER OF THEM. IN CASE OF MARTIN BONGO, HOWEVER, WE DO SUGGEST DEPT MAKE EFFORT AT SOMETHING LESS FORMAL THAN BILATERAL. THERE ARE NO IMPORTANT BILATERAL ISSUES TO DISCUSS, BUT GABON NEEDS TO BE REASSURED FROM TIME TO TIME OF OUR FREINDSHIP. SINCE THERE IS VIRTUALLY NO TRANSFER OF OFFICIAL AMERICAN RESOURCES TO GABON, OUR APPRECIATION FOR THEIR CONSTRUCTIVE MODERATION AND PAST SUPPORT CAN REALLY ONLY BE TRANSMITTED THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CONTACT, AND AS DEPT KNOWS, THIS USUALLY IS BEST DONE WITH AFRICANS IN PERSON. WHAT WE HAVE IN MIND, THEREFORE, IS

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POSSIBILITY OF ARRANGING FAIRLY BRIEF INFORMAL PRIVATE CONTACT BETWEEN SECRETARY AND FONMIN BONGO, WHETHER AT LUNCHEON FOR AFRICAN LEADERS OR ON SOME OTHER OCCASION. DURING WHICH SECRETARY IN GENERAL TERMS MIGHT EXPRESS PLEASURE AT STATE OF OUR RELATIONS, REASSURE FONMIN OF OUR DESIRE REMAIN IN CLOSE TOUCH, AND REITERATE PRES CARTER'S INTENTION TO CONSULT WITH PRES BONGO ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN. INASMUCH AS PRESIDENT

WAS UNABLE RECEIVE PRES BONGO PRIOR TO KHARTOUM OAU SUMMPT,
SUCH A MOVE BY SECRETARY WOULD BE WELL-RECEIVED HERE, AND
IN OUR JUDGEMENT, BE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO MAINTAINANCE
OF GOOD RELATIONS. TIENKEN

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